GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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SALEM STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of stainless steel and the actual production of stainless steel in the country during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to encourage use of stainless steel in preference to plastics etc.;

(c) whether there is any proposal to expand the Salem Steel Plant in order to increase the steel production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Production of stainless steel during the last three years is as below:

(in `000 tonnes)

Stainless Steel	2001-02	2000-01	1999-2000
	760.2	705.0	612.0

Availability of stainless steel is sufficient to cater to the requirements of the market. No reports regarding shortage of stainless steel has been received by the Government.

(b) Government is taking several steps to raise the consumption level of stainless steel in the country mainly in association with Indian Stainless Steel Development Association.New application areas like automobile, LPG gas cylinders, paneling for buildings, railway wagons and coaches etc. are being propagated to increase consumption of stainless steel.

(c)&(d): There is no proposal at present to expand the Salem Steel Plant to increase steel production.